

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER PCT/FR00/00751		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER Berge-2
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 CFR filed herewith <b>09/937508</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR00/00751		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 24 March 2000
		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 26 March 1999
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>DROP CENTERING DEVICE</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>BERGE, Bruno</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).</li> </ol>		
<b>Items 13 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li> </ol>		
<b>Copy of front page of PCT application as published, International Search Report, IDS references, PTO - form 1449 and acknowledgment postcard.</b>		

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24. The following fees are submitted:

**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):**

<input type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO .....	\$1000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO .....	\$860.00
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO .....	\$710.00
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....	\$690.00
<input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....	\$100.00

**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**

**\$860.00**

Surcharge of **\$130.00** for furnishing the oath or declaration later than  20  30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).

**\$0.00**

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Total claims	8 - 20 =	0	x \$18.00	<b>\$0.00</b>
Independent claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$80.00	<b>\$0.00</b>

Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable).

<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>	<b>\$860.00</b>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. (See 37 CFR 1.27). The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.	\$430.00
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<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>	<b>\$430.00</b>
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Processing fee of <b>\$130.00</b> for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>	<b>\$430.00</b>
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) (check if applicable).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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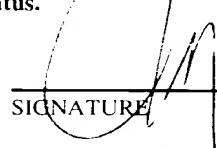
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**NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.**

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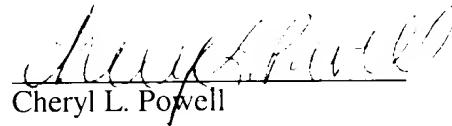
Title of Invention: DROP CENTERING DEVICE

Inventor: BERGE, Bruno et al.

Type of Documents:

1. Application Transmittal Letter;
2. Application consisting of 11pages of specification, 2 pages of claims and 3 pages of drawings;
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted);
4. 1 International search report;
5. Information Disclosure Statement;
6. IDS References;
7. PTO – Form 1449;
8. 1 copy of the front page of the PCT application as published;
9. Our check in the amount of \$430.00;
10. Acknowledgment Postcard; and,
11. "Express Mail" Certificate.

I hereby certify that this paper and fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service's "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, "Box PCT" Washington, D.C. 20231.

  
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